

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 23 - 24, 26, 36, 48 - 49, 51, 61 and 73 - 74 have been amended.

Claims 7, 18, 32, 43, 57, 68 and 76 - 87 have been canceled, where claims 7, 18, 32, 43, 57 and 68 have been canceled by the subject amendment without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Claims 1 - 6, 8 - 17, 19 - 31, 33 - 42, 44 - 56, 58 - 67 and 69 - 75 are present in the subject application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended by Examiner Pham and Primary Examiner Alam during a recent telephonic interview. Initially, a proposed amendment was submitted to Examiner Pham for consideration prior to and for discussion during the interview. The proposed amendment modified the independent claims (Claims 1, 11, 23, 24, 26, 36, 48, 49, 51, 61, 73 and 74) to further clarify the list or outline to include a hierarchical arrangement. During the interview, Primary Examiner Alam indicated that the proposed amendment was acceptable with some slight modifications. These modifications include changing method claims to indicate computer methods, changing system claims to indicate computer systems, describing the content object hierarchical structure as user-defined and defining the content object to include the features of dependent claim 7.

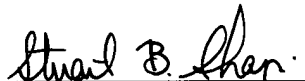
Examiner Pham further agreed to a proposed modification including a multimedia object to define the content object. The multimedia object is clearly supported by the specification. For example, the second paragraph within the background section (Background of the Invention) indicates an exemplary scenario with a university professor finding value in creating a custom textbook, where the compilation may be further enhanced to include associated multimedia

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materials. The specification further indicates in the fourth paragraph of the System Overview section (of the Detailed Description) that the present invention may be applied in the creation of compilations of all types of content including text, image, audio and video content.

Applicants considered the claims (in the state prior to the subject amendment) to be allowable and to overcome the outstanding rejections in the prior Office Action. In fact, a Notice of Appeal had been filed to seek review by the Board. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, the claims have been amended in accordance with the interview discussion and are considered to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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